

# MONTHLY STATISTICAL SUMMARY FOR WESTERN AUSTRALIA - NOVEMBER, 1961

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## POPULATION - CENSUS 30TH JUNE, 1961

### Whole State:

Males - 375,452 Females - 361,172 Persons - 736,624

### Metropolitan:

Persons - 419,755

## MARRIAGES, BIRTHS AND DEATHS

Particulars	OCTOBER				Ten Months ended OCTOBER			
	1961		1960		1961		1960	
	Number	Rate(a)	Number	Rate (a)	Number	Rate(a)	Number	Rate(a)
Marriages	485	7.70	454	7.37	4,325	7.05	4,408	7.31
Births	1,533	24.34	1,493	24.25	14,505	23.65	14,306	23.74
Deaths	496	7.88	423	6.87	4,835	7.88	4,812	7.98
Infant Mortality (b)	33	21.53	23	15.41	281	19.37	303	21.18

(a) Equivalent annual rate per 1,000 of population except for Infant Mortality which represents rate per 1,000 live births.

(b) Deaths under one year.

## TRADE OF WESTERN AUSTRALIA (INTERSTATE AND OVERSEA)

Expressed in Terms of Australian Currency

Item	IMPORTS				EXPORTS (including Ships' Stores)			
	OCTOBER		Four Months ended OCTOBER		OCTOBER		Four Months ended OCTOBER	
	1961	1960	1961	1960	1961	1960	1961	1960
	£'000	£'000	£'000	£'000	£'000	£'000	£'000	£'000
Oversea	3,531	4,589	15,518	18,791	15,575	10,782	49,493	42,653
Interstate	8,795	9,549	34,714	36,726	2,926	4,434	15,755	10,981
Total:	12,326	14,138	50,232	55,517	18,501	15,216	65,248	53,634

LAND SETTLEMENT

Crown Land Transactions	NOVEMBER		Eleven Months ended NOVEMBER	
	1961	1960	1961	1960
	acres	acres	acres	acres
Land Conditionally Alienated	177,652	125,399	892,979	716,730
Pastoral, Special and Miscellaneous Leases Issued	82,905	2,650	6,748,308	5,327,764

STATE GOVERNMENT CONSOLIDATED REVENUE AND EXPENDITURE

Item	NOVEMBER		Five Months ended NOVEMBER	
	1961	1960	1961	1960
	£	£	£	£
Revenue	7,340,654	5,150,560	30,595,431	24,293,815
Revenue per Head of Population	9.9	7.1	41.3	33.5
Expenditure	7,206,917	5,611,141	31,459,244	28,135,366
Expenditure per Head of Population	9.7	7.7	42.5	38.8

SAVINGS BANKS

Due to Depositors	At the end of NOVEMBER		
	1961	1960	1959
	£	£	£
Total Balances	85,679,671	81,349,488	75,683,693
Per Head of Population	115.3	111.5	105.5

TRADING BANKS

Year	Average Weekly Clearings					
	June	July	August	September	October	November
	£	£	£	£	£	£
1961	21,645,396	23,080,067	21,592,512	23,229,542	24,614,595	23,763,950
1960	21,702,176	21,655,541	21,671,109	22,713,665	23,826,722	23,976,291

REAL ESTATE TRANSACTIONS

Registrations effected at the Office of Land Titles and Deeds		NOVEMBER		Five Months ended NOVEMBER	
		1961	1960	1961	1960
Transfers	No.	1,730	1,793	8,651	10,848
	£	3,075,441	3,411,604	15,953,650	18,131,207
Mortgages	No.	1,399	1,363	6,847	7,028
	£	2,974,838	2,964,050	14,496,308	15,785,005
Discharges of Mortgages	No.	1,102	1,054	5,291	5,333

SALES TAX: SALES OF TAXABLE AND EXEMPT GOODS AND TAX COLLECTED

Item	Period of Receipt of Return			
	NOVEMBER		Five Months ended NOVEMBER	
	1961	1960	1961	1960
	£	£	£	£
Taxable Goods -				
Value of sales on which				
Tax is payable (net)	5,202,073	5,247,687	23,859,526	24,734,921
Tax is not payable (gross)	5,384,220	4,806,344	23,319,891	20,776,130
Sales of Exempt goods	12,868,001	13,627,937	59,706,211	62,744,452
Tax collected	754,289	844,389	3,606,089	4,018,640

COMPANIES REGISTERED

Type of Company		NOVEMBER		Five Months ended NOVEMBER	
		1961	1960	1961	1960
Local	No.	27	53	161	210
Nominal Capital	£.	2,346,000	3,802,000	10,236,000	13,360,000
Foreign	No.	6	12	62	83

BANKRUPTCY

Item	Five Months ended NOVEMBER					
	1961			1960		
	No.	Liabilities	Assets	No.	Liabilities	Assets
Sequestration Orders	70	£ 110,924	£ 31,812	51	£ 141,990	£ 58,048
Compositions, Assignments and Deeds of Arrangement (a)	46	171,847	141,000	33	98,488	67,000

(a) Under Parts XI and XII of Bankruptcy Act.

TRANSPORT

(Operations of the State Government Railways open for general  
and passenger traffic, including Railway Road Service).

Item		OCTOBER		Four Months ended OCTOBER	
		1961	1960	1961	1960
Gross Earnings	£.	1,489,500	1,433,100	5,912,800	5,357,550
Operating Expenses	£.	1,326,174	1,292,728	5,386,776	5,263,434
Train Miles Run	No.	667,824	638,815	2,714,153	2,630,201
Motor Bus Miles Run	No.	(a) 124,792	(b) 126,035	(c) 421,997	(d) 430,260
<u>Passenger Journeys -</u>					
Train	No.	1,090,131	1,170,906	4,307,372	4,627,298
Motor Bus	No.	21,514	23,469	87,704	92,148
<u>Tonnage Carried -</u>					
Paying Goods		397,328	350,631	1,695,991	1,483,349
Livestock		17,304	19,115	52,993	61,994
Departmental (Free Freight)		52,893	43,943	203,322	182,811
Total:		467,525	413,689	1,952,306	1,728,154
<u>Net Ton Milage of -</u>					
Paying Goods		62,039,544	53,358,764	260,793,548	227,741,513
Livestock		2,433,719	2,456,933	7,644,913	8,809,576
Departmental (Free Freight)		5,497,847	4,425,397	23,108,900	19,793,030
Total:		69,971,110	60,241,094	291,547,361	256,344,119

- (a) Four weeks ended 7th October.  
(b) Four weeks ended 8th October.  
(c) Period 1st July to 7th October.  
(d) Period 1st July to 8th October.

# MOTOR VEHICLE REGISTRATIONS

## (1) NEW VEHICLES REGISTERED

Period	Metropolitan Traffic Area					Whole State (a)				
	Cars	Station Wagons	Utilities, Vans, Trucks	Buses	Motor Cycles	Cars	Station Wagons	Utilities, Vans, Trucks	Buses	Motor Cycles
1956	5,219	97	1,759	24	724	9,067	169	4,413	85	1,057
1957	5,639	228	1,856	35	1,007	9,865	370	4,385	71	1,447
1958	5,794	762	1,942	15	1,306	9,548	1,290	4,784	43	1,860
1959	5,957	1,205	2,454	20	1,615	9,785	1,962	5,684	55	2,187
1960	8,172	1,774	2,403	27	1,053	12,713	2,951	5,655	66	1,470
1960 -										
October	847	153	254	3	65	1,321	236	562	5	94
November	869	217	224	4	55	1,336	370	587	5	94
December	517	137	170	1	60	901	284	444	5	88
1961 -										
January	409	106	123	-	67	607	193	327	2	103
February	523	170	183	1	62	762	255	369	10	94
March	718	231	198	-	65	1,028	357	414	4	99
April	541	140	204	-	41	810	230	418	4	61
May	536	141	190	2	53	867	240	414	5	77
June	459	138	182	4	44	799	251	426	5	69
July	490	139	181	6	34	753	238	408	8	56
August	678	152	183	4	49	996	268	459	6	72
September	703	151	211	4	38	1,027	255	456	12	63
October	644	172	189	1	37	989	316	469	3	54

## (2) MOTOR VEHICLES IN USE (EFFECTIVE REGISTRATIONS)

Date (as at end of Month)	Metropolitan Traffic Area				Whole State (a)			
	Cars (including Station Wagons)	Utilities, Vans, Trucks	Buses	Motor Cycles	Cars (including Station Wagons)	Utilities, Vans, Trucks	Buses	Motor Cycles
1957 -								
June	65,013	24,354	560	8,770	103,788	64,806	1,204	13,146
December	67,315	24,209	592	8,389	107,052	64,236	1,234	12,599
1958 -								
June	69,414	24,217	553	8,580	110,573	65,046	1,190	12,827
December	73,190	24,908	545	8,759	114,685	65,582	1,177	12,935
1959 -								
June	75,203	25,222	584	9,080	118,112	66,617	1,213	13,411
December	78,759	25,955	571	9,416	123,293	68,017	1,191	13,559
1960 -								
June	81,636	26,058	554	9,422	127,863	69,131	1,194	13,609
December	86,582	26,507	561	9,068	134,220	70,320	1,220	13,097
1961 -								
January	87,687	26,677	563	9,082	133,760	68,933	1,105	12,948
February	87,944	26,641	566	9,052	134,671	69,557	1,220	12,882
March	88,504	26,615	563	9,034	136,141	70,148	1,223	12,999
April	89,144	26,849	562	8,968	136,047	69,615	1,219	12,653
May	89,151	26,774	560	8,810	137,352	70,531	1,229	12,689
June	89,189	26,699	565	8,703	138,187	70,908	1,237	12,689
July	90,859	27,021	568	8,652	137,554	68,717	1,232	12,150
August	91,247	27,028	571	8,602	138,940	69,460	1,233	12,125
September	91,494	27,057	575	8,534	139,975	70,018	1,246	12,143
October	92,403	27,142	575	8,553	140,808	70,113	1,256	12,038

(a) Includes Commonwealth-owned vehicles other than those of Defence Services.



# BUILDING ACTIVITY

## (1) NEW BUILDINGS COMPLETED

Period	Dwellings				Factories		Other		Total	
	Owner-Built		By Contractors etc.(a)							
	No.	Value	No.	Value	No.	Value	No.	Value	No.	Value
		£'000		£'000		£'000		£'000		£'000
1951	1,913	2,835	4,137	6,969	40	459	433	986	6,523	11,249
1952	2,883	5,824	4,946	11,201	63	667	604	2,242	8,496	19,934
1953	2,988	7,219	4,839	12,624	84	817	714	3,657	8,625	24,317
1954	3,127	8,255	5,044	13,491	111	1,544	844	5,015	9,126	28,305
1955	2,788	8,194	6,422	18,091	129	3,405	933	6,900	10,272	36,590
1956	1,921	5,708	4,773	13,508	97	946	923	7,359	7,714	27,521
1957	1,401	4,086	4,748	13,680	100	1,110	714	6,450	6,963	25,326
1958	1,371	3,884	4,638	13,978	146	1,851	714	10,735	6,869	30,448
1959	1,452	3,880	4,657	14,134	138	986	731	9,376	6,978	28,376
1960	1,103	3,013	5,363	16,859	161	2,224	814	11,797	7,441	33,893
1961 -										
March Qr.	284	781	1,220	3,910	32	224	203	3,564	1,739	8,479
June Qr.	215	577	1,315	4,346	32	534	228	2,675	1,790	8,132
Sept. Qr.	202	611	1,356	4,324	39	590	181	1,609	1,778	7,134

(a) Comprises Government Day Labour as well as Private Contractor Operations and includes shop Dwellings, Flats and Other Residentials excluded from Table (2) below.

## (2) HOUSE CONSTRUCTION

(Includes Owner-Built Houses)

Period	Houses Completed - Classified According to Materials of Outer Walls									
	Brick, Stone, Cement, etc.		Wood or Mainly Wood		Fibro-Cement or Mainly Fibro-Cement		Other		Total	
	No.	Value £'000	No.	Value £'000	No.	Value £'000	No.	Value £'000	No.	Value £'000
1951	2,155	4,560	453	525	2,933	4,241	190	218	5,731	9,544
1952	3,006	8,097	745	1,609	3,844	6,678	135	263	7,730	16,647
1953	2,676	8,417	976	2,657	3,966	8,277	24	54	7,642	19,405
1954	2,865	9,767	214	530	4,823	10,833	4	4	7,906	21,134
1955	3,268	11,775	225	621	5,271	12,614	8	17	8,772	25,027
1956	3,017	10,491	62	175	2,964	6,864	4	9	6,047	17,539
1957	3,773	12,159	28	67	2,139	4,890	6	9	5,946	17,125
1958	3,764	12,501	41	115	1,935	4,547	3	4	5,743	17,167
1959	3,762	12,327	28	58	2,066	4,780	6	13	5,862	17,178
1960	4,582	14,972	21	60	1,573	3,911	5	7	6,181	18,950
1961 -										
March Qr.	985	3,445	1	1	336	840	2	3	1,324	4,289
June Qr.	1,044	3,574	3	3	344	957	18	11	1,409	4,545
Sept. Qr.	1,094	3,798	5	16	333	892	79	65	1,511	4,771

## MINE PRODUCTION OF GOLD (a)

Item		OCTOBER		Ten Months ended OCTOBER	
		1961	1960	1961	1960
Quantity	Fine oz.	83,583	77,872	716,650	719,440
Value (Aust. Currency)	£.	1,305,983	1,216,750	11,197,653	11,240,944
Dividends reported by Gold Mining Companies	£.	-	-	1,254,026	1,098,894

(a) Including gold contained in gold-bearing materials exported. Value is in terms of Australian currency, excluding amounts realized by the Gold Producers' Association Limited on sales of Western Australian gold and amount of subsidy paid by the Commonwealth Government.

CONSUMER PRICE INDEX  
PERTH METROPOLITAN AREA

(Base of Each Index Series: Year 1952-53 = 100)

Period	Group Index Numbers					Com- bined Index (All Groups)
	Food	Clothing and Drapery	Housing	Household Supplies and Equipment	Mis- cellan- eous	
Year ended June:						
1957	116.0	103.1	123.6	104.5	117.0	112.9
1958	114.4	105.7	126.0	105.7	118.3	113.6
1959	115.2	107.2	130.3	105.9	118.7	114.7
1960	118.4	108.2	133.5	107.1	120.9	116.9
1961	124.4	110.8	141.7	107.3	125.2	121.2
Quarters:						
1960 - March	118.4	108.0	134.2	107.4	121.2	117.1
June	121.6	109.6	135.6	107.0	123.3	119.0
September	122.9	109.8	137.0	107.4	123.7	119.8
December	122.9	110.8	141.6	107.3	125.6	120.8
1961 - March	125.3	110.9	143.5	107.4	125.8	121.9
June	126.4	111.6	144.8	107.0	125.6	122.4
September	123.8	111.6	145.1	107.5	125.7	121.7

WAGE AND SALARY EARNERS IN CIVILLIAN EMPLOYMENT (a)

(Excluding Wage Earners in Rural Industry, Female Private  
Domestics and Personnel in Defence Forces. Prior to December,  
1959 excludes also National Service Trainees in camp.)

(Thousands)

Month	Males	Females	Persons	Month	Males	Females	Persons
1959:				1960 (cont.):			
November	141.3	48.1	189.4	November	143.7	50.6	194.3
December	141.1	48.2	189.3	December	143.5	51.1	194.6
1960:				1961:			
January	141.1	47.4	188.5	January	142.7	50.0	192.7
February	141.6	48.5	190.1	February	143.2	50.4	193.6
March	141.8	48.9	190.7	March	142.9	50.4	193.3
April	141.4	48.9	190.3	April	143.1	50.5	193.6
May	141.5	49.4	190.9	May	142.7	50.3	193.0
June	141.7	49.2	190.9	June	142.1	49.7	191.8
July	141.9	49.3	191.2	July	141.9	49.7	191.6
August	142.7	49.8	192.5	August	142.8	49.7	192.5
September	143.1	50.2	193.3	September	143.5	49.9	193.4
October	143.2	50.4	193.6	October	142.9	50.2	193.1

(a) Figures subsequent to June, 1960 are subject to revision.

INDEX OF FACTORY EMPLOYMENT (a)

(Base: 1928/29 - 19,799 Employees = 100)

Month	1955	1956	1957	1958	1959	1960	1961
January	237	241	232	231	229	234	241
February	240	241	235	233	231	237	241
March	242	240	236	234	233	238	239
April	243	239	234	233	233	237	239
May	242	238	234	230	232	238	237
June	239	235	231	228	229	237	234
July	238	231	229	229	231	237	233
August	239	230	229	229	232	239	236
September	241	233	232	230	233	241	238
October	241	233	232	232	234	241	239
November	243	233	233	231	235	242	
December	242	232	232	231	235	240	

(a) Figures subsequent to June, 1960 are subject to revision

STATE BASIC WAGE

Date of Operation	Metropolitan Area			South-West Land Division			Goldfields and Rest of State		
	Male			Female			Male		
	£.	s.	d.	£.	s.	d.	£.	s.	d.
30/10/61	14.	18.	9	11.	4.	1	14.	17.	3
	11.	2.	11	14.	11.	6	10.	18.	8

LIVESTOCK SLAUGHTERINGS AND MEAT PRODUCTION

(1) SLAUGHTERINGS (Number)

Period	Cattle	Calves	Sheep	Lambs	Pigs
October, 1961	14,955	1,518	145,655	182,078	28,134
October, 1960	12,150	1,267	163,721	191,027	19,530
4 Months ended October, 1961	79,025	5,442	499,223	534,892	92,825
4 Months ended October, 1960	76,151	5,839	578,524	519,186	66,333

(2) MEAT PRODUCTION (Tons)

Period	Beef	Veal	Mutton	Lamb	Pork(a)
October, 1961	3,217	75	2,887	2,702	1,451
October, 1960	2,556	62	3,196	2,829	1,108
4 Months ended October, 1961	17,144	262	9,854	7,744	4,872
4 Months ended October, 1960	16,643	284	11,138	7,451	3,702

(a) Includes pork for bacon and ham - see page 12.

ROAD TRAFFIC ACCIDENTS

The term "Metropolitan" refers to the Metropolitan Traffic Area.

Period	Non-Casualty Accidents(a)		Casualty Accidents		Total Accidents(a)		Persons Killed		Persons Injured	
	Metro-politan	Whole State	Metro-politan	Whole State	Metro-politan	Whole State	Metro-politan	Whole State	Metro-politan	Whole State
1956	5,866	7,961	2,161	3,036	8,027	10,997	102	182	2,653	3,889
1957	6,150	8,343	2,244	3,220	8,394	11,563	87	152	2,733	4,068
1958	6,614	8,691	2,412	3,451	9,026	12,142	80	183	2,990	4,478
1959	6,349	8,492	2,474	3,521	8,823	12,013	86	171	3,135	4,624
1960	7,180	9,559	2,598	3,713	9,778	13,272	94	199	3,289	4,862
9 Months ended September, 1960	5,305	7,021	1,961	2,747	7,266	9,768	68	143	2,432	3,562
9 Months ended September, 1961	3,140	4,549	1,764	2,592	4,904	7,141	56	127	2,261	3,461
1961 -										
January	291	442	190	277	481	719	6	10	261	396
February	316	442	181	266	497	708	6	12	234	362
March	329	479	215	331	544	810	5	20	272	440
April	335	492	206	297	541	789	11	22	255	398
May	305	455	195	285	500	740	8	13	252	359
June	418	580	195	289	613	869	10	16	247	383
July	413	597	209	288	622	885	4	6	267	381
August	370	539	196	282	566	821	2	10	237	372
September	363	523	177	277	540	800	4	18	236	370

(a) Non-casualty accidents from 1956 to 1960 exclude those where estimated damage was £10 or less; from January, 1961 they exclude those where estimated damage was £25 or less.

AVERAGE FRUIT AND VEGETABLE PRICES (METROPOLITAN MARKETS)

Note - The average prices shown in this table have been computed from a systematic sample of auctioneers' records of fruit and vegetables sold on the auction floor at each sale conducted at the Metropolitan Markets. Where the volume of sales of a particular commodity in any month outside its recognized season does not reach a significant proportion of sales for the year, a price has not been shown.

Item	Unit	1960		1961										
		Nov.	Dec.	Jan.	Feb.	Mar.	Apr.	May	June	July	Aug.	Sept.	Oct.	Nov.
FRUIT		s. d.	s. d.	s. d.	s. d.	s. d.	s. d.	s. d.	s. d.	s. d.	s. d.	s. d.	s. d.	s. d.
Lemons	$\frac{3}{4}$ bush.	13. 1	16. 6	18. 6	21. 5	29. 8	18. 1	13. 9	12. 4	12.10	13. 7	17. 6	20. 4	33. 3
Oranges - Navel	bush.	28. 8	-	-	-	-	-	34. 1	28. 8	30. 8	38.10	39. 0	-	-
- Val.	bush.	20. 8	20. 1	24. 9	26. 5	28. 2	25. 3	25. 2	-	-	31. 1	32. 0	28.11	29. 8
Bananas - Local	lb.	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	1. 3	1. 3	1. 0	1. 1	1. 0	9
Apples - G.Smith	bush.	36.10	25.11	-	-	14. 5	14.11	14. 4	14.10	16. 3	15. 8	17. 4	21. 3	34. 3
- Other	bush.	49. 3	34. 1	19. 1	21. 1	18.10	20. 6	21. 2	18.11	18. 9	23. 1	26. 7	28. 2	33. 9
Pears	$\frac{3}{4}$ bush.	-	-	29. 6	18. 9	18. 6	15. 7	18. 1	21. 5	19. 8	19. 2	-	-	-
Apricots	$\frac{1}{2}$ bush.	16. 9	17. 0	25. 4	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	30. 0
Nectarines	$\frac{1}{2}$ bush.	-	-	24. 9	22.10	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-
Plums	$\frac{1}{2}$ bush.	-	17. 7	16. 2	12. 2	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-
Peaches	$\frac{1}{2}$ bush.	20. 8	16. 4	22.10	14. 8	18. 4	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	22. 0
Grapes	$\frac{1}{4}$ bush.	-	25. 9	28.11	23. 3	27.10	16. 9	22. 6	-	-	-	-	-	-
VEGETABLES														
Cabbage	crate (a)	8. 3	5.11	6. 5	9.10	16. 4	11. 2	7. 6	7. 6	7. 8	5. 5	7. 0	5. 8	7.11
Cauliflowers	dozen	16. 9	15. 6	-	24. 6	20. 2	19. 4	8. 4	12. 0	20.10	14. 3	6. 5	16. 9	15. 5
Lettuce	crate	14.10	10. 5	15. 3	21. 7	15. 5	6. 4	8. 8	10.10	14. 0	10. 6	11. 8	16. 4	12. 8
Table Celery	doz. head	14. 1	11.10	9.11	10. 1	10. 5	10. 8	8. 5	9. 7	9. 3	10. 2	8. 1	10. 2	12. 7
Beetroot	cwt.	61.10	65.11	74. 2	92. 8	50.10	21. 3	21. 3	21. 3	30. 6	45. 5	70. 8	51. 4	24. 9
Carrots	cwt.	23. 3	19.11	21.10	29. 6	43. 5	48. 7	50. 2	42. 9	57. 8	63. 6	77. 5	99. 7	38. 9
Parsnips	cwt.	48. 1	44. 2	52. 3	66. 6	85. 3	98. 0	120. 6	150. 2	159. 6	151. 1	109. 5	65. 8	50. 0
Turnips	$\frac{1}{2}$ cwt. bag	5. 5	4. 8	6. 4	11. 7	11. 0	5.10	5. 0	7. 0	10. 7	12. 1	15. 8	7. 1	5.10
Swedes	cwt.	33. 3	22. 2	38. 6	60. 5	75. 7	62.11	32.11	27. 4	33. 8	24. 4	28.11	35. 4	26. 5
Runner Beans	lb.	1. 2	6	1. 1	1. 7	1. 8	6	7	10	1. 2	1. 1	10	11	1. 6
Peas	lb.	1. 1	1. 0	1. 5	1. 6	1. 7	1. 5	1. 1	1. 3	1. 5	1. 2	1. 2	11	1. 3
Sweet Potatoes	lb.	6	6	11	7	5	5	3	5	5	5	6	6	5
Pumpkin	bag	80. 0	47. 6	25. 6	34. 5	31. 9	30. 3	23. 7	21. 4	25. 4	35. 7	46. 2	48. 4	43. 3
Tomatoes	$\frac{3}{4}$ bush.	40. 6	19. 7	26. 5	27. 0	34. 2	25. 6	28.11	20. 9	27. 3	17. 8	28. 2	30. 1	31. 6
		£. s.d.	£. s.d.	£. s.d.	£. s.d.	£. s.d.	£. s.d.	£. s.d.	£. s.d.	£. s.d.	£. s.d.	£. s.d.	£. s.d.	£. s.d.
Onions (b)	ton	(c)	30. 0.0	35. 0.0	45. 0.0	45. 0.0	50. 0.0	55. 0.0	(c)	(c)	(c)	(c)	(c)	45. 0.0
Potatoes (d)	ton	37.15.0	37.15.0	37.15.0	37.15.0	37.15.0	37.15.0	37.15.0	37.15.0	37.15.0	37.15.0	37.15.0	37.15.0	37.15.0

(a) 50 lb. crate.

(b) W.A. Onion Marketing Board's price to Merchants delivered Metropolitan Area.

(c) Onion Pool closed.

(d) W.A. Potato Marketing Board's price to Merchants F.O.R. Perth.



AVERAGE PRICES PER HEAD OF LIVESTOCK - GOOD QUALITY - SOLD AT THE MIDLAND JUNCTION SALEYARDS

Note - A price has not been shown where the volume of sales of a particular item was not significant for that month

Item	1960		1961											
	Nov.	Dec.	Jan.	Feb.	Mar.	Apr.	May	June	July	Aug.		Sept.	Oct.	Nov.
	£. s. d.	£. s. d.	£. s. d.	£. s. d.	£. s. d.	£. s. d.	£. s. d.	£. s. d.	£. s. d.	£. s. d.		£. s. d.	£. s. d.	£. s. d.
<b>SHEEP</b>														
Suckers	2.19. 0	3. 2. 8	-	-	-	-	-	3. 9. 9	2.13.11	2. 8. 6		2.10. 2	2.14. 2	2.17. 9
Lambs														
In Wool	-	-	-	-	3.14. 3	3.17. 2	3.19. 9	3.14. 2	3. 0.11	3. 6. 8		-	-	-
Shorn	2.15. 9	2.17. 5	3. 8. 6	3.11. 0	-	3.10. 2	3. 9. 4	3. 3.11	2.10. 3	2. 9. 4		2. 1.11	2. 7. 6	2.12. 2
Hoggets														
In Wool	-	-	-	-	3. 7. 4	-	3.16. 9	-	-	-		-	-	-
Shorn	-	2.16. 6	3. 3. 2	3. 6. 3	-	-	-	-	-	-		-	-	-
Ewes														
In Wool	-	-	-	-	2.15. 9	2.16. 7	3. 7. 8	3. 8. 6	3. 9. 2	3. 9. 2		-	-	-
Shorn	1.18. 4	2. 3. 7	2.10. 4	2.10.11	2. 2. 3	1.18. 6	2. 6. 9	-	2. 6. 7	2. 3. 2		1.19. 2	1.16. 2	1.13.10
Wethers														
In Wool	-	-	-	-	3. 4. 6	3. 5. 4	3.18. 2	3.16. 1	3.14. 1	-		-	-	-
Shorn	2. 6.11	2.11. 3	2.19. 2	2.19.11	2. 9. 4	2. 6.10	2.11. 6	2.12. 6	2.12. 1	2. 7. 9		2.10. 1	2. 7. 1	2. 8. 6
<b>CATTLE</b>														
Baby Beef	36.15.10	39. 9. 2	36. 6. 3	36.19. 8	38.16. 6	40. 9.11	43.19.10	43. 5. 3	39. 7.11	37. 0. 1		35. 3. 8	35.12. 7	35.19. 9
Heifers	39.13. 2	41. 0. 0	-	-	42. 7.11	44.16. 1	-	47. 0. 7	-	-		-	-	-
Cows	48.12. 7	49.14. 2	49.10. 6	51.16. 8	55. 6. 3	54. 0. 6	53.18. 8	51. 9. 7	45. 3. 3	41.13. 6		41. 7.11	41. 6. 9	40. 5. 6
Steers	52. 0. 5	51.12. 3	51.14. 8	53.17. 7	55. 7. 6	57. 6. 2	57.13. 5	55. 7.10	50. 3. 1	46.16. 0		46. 3. 2	46. 0. 3	45.14. 2
Bullocks	60.16. 7	66. 7. 6	-	-	-	-	62.12. 8	59.16. 4	50. 2. 7	-		-	53.11. 1	53.18. 6
<b>PIGS</b>														
Slips	5. 9.11	6. 6. 8	-	4.16. 9	-	-	-	5. 6.11	5.13. 5	-		-	-	-
Porkers	11. 3.10	10.19. 7	9.17.11	10. 3.10	9.11.11	9.17.11	10. 0. 1	9.13.11	9. 7.10	8.16. 7		8.11. 0	7.14. 7	8. 7.11
Baconers	16.10. 3	16. 1. 9	16. 3. 2	15. 5. 5	15. 3. 6	15. 8. 5	15. 7. 3	15. 1. 6	15. 2. 0	13. 2.11		12.11.11	11. 9. 4	11. 6. 1

AVERAGE PRICES OF POULTRY PER LB. (LIVEWEIGHT) - SOLD AT THE METROPOLITAN MARKETS

Turkey Hens	3. 6	3. 9	-	3. 8	3. 3	2.10	2. 9	2. 9	2. 9	2. 9	3. 2	2.10	-
" Cocks	3. 3	3. 8	3. 1	-	3. 3	3. 2	2. 9	2. 7	2. 8	2. 8	3. 0	2.10	3. 1
Ducks	3. 8	3. 6	2. 8	2. 6	2. 3	2. 2	2. 3	2. 4	2. 4	2. 3	2. 8	2.10	3. 2
Drakes	3. 9	3. 8	2.10	2. 6	2. 3	2. 3	2. 3	2. 3	2. 2	2. 4	2. 8	2.10	3. 2
Geese	-	2. 9	-	1. 7	1. 9	1. 7	2. 3	1.10	1. 8	2. 2	2. 2	-	-
Cockerels	2. 8	3. 0	2.10	2. 9	3. 1	2. 9	2. 9	2. 7	2. 7	2. 7	2. 9	2. 9	2.10
Capons	2.11	3. 2	2.11	2.11	3. 2	2.10	2.10	2. 9	2. 8	2. 9	2. 9	2. 9	3. 0
Hens	2. 4	2. 4	2. 4	2. 3	2. 3	2. 3	2. 3	2. 3	2. 3	2. 1	2. 0	1.10	1.11

RETAIL HIRE PURCHASE OPERATIONS OF FINANCE BUSINESSES - NEW AGREEMENTS MADE (a)

Period	Motor Vehicles, Tractors, etc.			Plant and Machinery			Household and Personal Goods (b)			Total (All Goods)			Total Balances Outstanding at end of each period (e)
	Agree- ments Made	Total Value of Goods(c)	Amount Financed (d)	Agree- ments Made	Total Value of Goods(c)	Amount Financed (d)	Agree- ments Made	Total Value of Goods(c)	Amount Financed (d)	Agree- ments Made	Total Value of Goods(c)	Amount Financed (d)	
	No.	£'000	£'000	No.	£'000	£'000	No.	£'000	£'000	No.	£'000	£'000	£'000
1956-57	20,790	13,524	8,325	1,385	963	604	60,417	4,338	3,523	82,592	18,825	12,452	15,488
1957-58	26,321	18,176	11,263	1,829	1,542	1,081	64,214	4,811	3,880	92,364	24,529	16,224	19,052
1958-59	26,998	18,216	11,264	2,145	1,782	1,167	51,842	4,175	3,347	80,985	24,173	15,778	20,779
1959-60	30,898	22,123	13,891	2,811	2,271	1,435	46,676	5,196	4,209	80,385	29,590	19,535	25,169
1960-61	25,802	20,201	12,461	3,131	2,722	1,705	40,866	5,044	4,183	69,799	27,967	18,349	27,060
1959 - October	2,620	1,822	1,154	354	352	223	3,663	356	288	6,637	2,530	1,665	21,991
November	2,687	1,987	1,231	445	534	335	3,871	427	344	7,003	2,948	1,910	22,892
December	2,889	2,165	1,360	221	224	138	4,709	461	368	7,819	2,850	1,866	23,633
1960 - January	2,556	1,602	1,011	152	109	67	3,831	486	385	6,539	2,197	1,463	23,716
February	2,539	1,756	1,102	181	126	82	3,410	456	363	6,130	2,338	1,547	22,865
March	2,784	2,013	1,248	263	155	98	4,234	582	462	7,281	2,750	1,808	23,279
April	2,533	1,899	1,210	293	156	96	3,245	397	334	6,071	2,452	1,640	23,687
May	2,708	1,969	1,238	262	161	101	4,569	553	463	7,539	2,683	1,802	24,430
June	2,641	2,111	1,357	195	125	82	4,320	537	449	7,156	2,773	1,888	25,169
July	2,368	1,794	1,124	188	137	89	4,105	468	388	6,661	2,399	1,601	25,852
August	2,588	1,914	1,200	178	126	87	3,835	539	457	6,601	2,579	1,744	26,397
September	2,670	1,962	1,269	289	228	151	3,775	465	385	6,734	2,655	1,805	26,602
October	2,661	2,126	1,341	487	571	367	3,759	470	382	6,907	3,167	2,090	27,316
November	2,754	2,235	1,419	465	494	322	3,680	485	396	6,899	3,214	2,137	28,438
December	1,766	1,403	867	215	191	117	4,094	509	428	6,075	2,103	1,412	29,161
1961 - January	1,846	1,406	891	104	73	43	3,438	406	332	5,388	1,885	1,266	29,388
February	1,628	1,232	754	193	232	135	2,947	354	289	4,768	1,818	1,178	27,688
March	1,966	1,675	953	254	207	125	2,686	338	276	4,906	2,220	1,354	27,526
April	1,810	1,469	868	276	171	103	2,372	284	236	4,458	1,924	1,207	27,066
May	1,951	1,651	972	255	143	71	2,699	312	259	4,905	2,106	1,302	27,052
June	1,794	1,334	803	227	149	95	3,476	414	355	5,497	1,897	1,253	27,060
July							Not yet available						(f) 26,782
August							do.						(f) 26,772
September							do.						(f) 26,877

(a) Figures relate to businesses which finance the sale of goods by retail but do not retail goods themselves. (b) Includes furniture and furnishings, domestic refrigerators, electrical goods, radios, musical instruments, bicycles and other household and personal goods. (c) Value at net cash or list price (excluding hiring charges and insurance). (d) Excludes hiring charges and insurance. (e) Includes hiring charges and insurance. (f) Preliminary.

# RETAIL SALES CLASSIFIED ACCORDING TO COMMODITY GROUPS

(£ million)

Period (a)	Groceries	Butchers' Meat	Other Food-stuffs, Soft Drinks	Beer, Wine and Spirits	Clothing, Drapery, Soft Furnishings	Footwear	Hardware, China and Glassware (b)	Electrical Goods, Pianos, etc.	Furniture, Floor Coverings, Mattresses	Chemists' Goods	News-papers, Books, Stationery	Other Goods (c)	Total (excl. Motor Vehicles, etc.)	Motor Vehicles, tractors, Parts, Petrol, etc. (d)
1956-57	26.2	11.3	18.6	17.6	24.2	3.9	10.2	7.5	6.1	4.6	4.4	21.3	155.9	49.8
1957-58	27.4	12.0	19.4	19.5	28.6(e)	(e)	10.1	8.2	6.5	(f)	(f)	31.8(f)	163.5	56.9
1958-59	28.7	11.1	19.4	18.4	25.1	4.3	10.7	8.7	6.5	5.6	4.7	21.2	164.4	55.3
1959-60	30.8	11.6	21.7	19.1	27.4	4.7	11.9	13.8	7.7	6.0	4.9	22.6	182.2	66.7
1960-61	33.2	12.5	22.7	20.6	27.7	5.0	12.4	15.6	7.8	6.7	5.0	23.4	192.6	69.2
Sept. Qr.														
1957	6.6	3.1	4.5	4.2	6.7(e)	(e)	2.5	1.9	1.6	(f)	(f)	7.0(f)	38.1	13.7
1958	7.0	2.8	4.5	4.0	6.0	1.0	2.5	1.9	1.6	1.3	1.1	4.4	38.1	13.1
1959	7.5	2.9	4.9	4.2	6.3	1.1	2.7	2.5	1.7	1.4	1.1	4.5	40.8	14.8
1960	7.8	3.0	5.3	4.4	6.7	1.2	3.0	3.9	2.1	1.6	1.1	4.9	45.0	18.3
1961	(g)	(g)	(g)	(g)	(g)	(g)	(g)	(g)	(g)	(g)	(g)	(g)	46.9	(g)
Dec. Qr.														
1957	7.2	3.0	5.0	5.3	8.5(e)	(e)	2.9	2.6	1.8	(f)	(f)	8.1(f)	44.4	14.9
1958	7.6	2.7	5.0	5.2	7.2	1.2	3.0	2.9	1.8	1.5	1.3	5.2	44.6	14.1
1959	8.0	2.9	5.6	5.2	7.8	1.3	3.3	3.6	2.1	1.6	1.4	5.5	48.3	17.1
1960	8.8	3.1	5.9	5.8	8.0	1.4	3.6	4.2	2.3	1.8	1.4	5.8	52.1	18.8
March Qr.														
1958	6.7	2.9	5.0	5.4	6.0(e)	(e)	2.4	2.0	1.5	(f)	(f)	8.5(f)	40.4	14.2
1959	7.0	2.7	5.2	5.0	5.1	0.9	2.6	2.0	1.5	1.3	1.2	5.5	40.0	13.9
1960	7.5	2.8	5.8	5.2	6.0	1.0	2.9	3.6	1.9	1.4	1.3	6.3	45.7	16.9
1961	8.2	3.1	6.2	5.9	5.7	1.1	2.9	3.6	1.6	1.6	1.3	6.5	47.7	15.9
June Qr.														
1958	6.9	3.0	4.9	4.6	7.4(e)	(e)	2.3	1.7	1.6	(f)	(f)	8.2(f)	40.6	14.1
1959	7.1	2.9	4.7	4.2	6.8	1.2	2.6	1.9	1.6	1.5	1.1	6.1	41.7	14.2
1960	7.8	3.0	5.4	4.5	7.3	1.3	3.0	4.1	2.0	1.6	1.1	6.3	47.4	17.9
1961	8.4	3.3	5.3	4.5	7.3	1.3	2.9	3.9	1.8	1.7	1.2	6.2	47.8	16.2

(a) Figures subsequent to June, 1957 are subject to revision. (b) Excludes basic building materials (e.g. Timber, Building Sheets, Tiles, Joinery, Cement). (c) Includes Tobacco, Cigarettes, Grain and Produce, Jewellery, Office Equipment, etc. (d) Excludes Farm Machinery and Implements, Earth-moving Equipment, etc. (e) Footwear is included with Clothing, Drapery, Soft Furnishings. (f) Chemists' Goods and Papers, Books, Stationery are included with Other Goods. (g) Not yet available.

COMMODITIES PRODUCED

Item	Unit	OCTOBER		Four Months ended OCTOBER	
		1961(a)	1960(a)	1961(a)	1960(a)
<u>Building Materials, etc.</u>					
Bath Heaters - solid fuel	number	234	184	1,868	2,298
Bricks - Clay (b)	'000	8,936	9,840	34,702	38,564
Fibrous Plaster Sheets	'000 sq. yds.	113	132	451	561
Lime (Quicklime)	ton	2,586	2,184	9,504	9,851
Ready Mixed Paints and Enamels excluding Water Paints	gallon	35,712	33,948	127,996	125,665
Tiles, Roofing - Cement	'000	315	432	1,222	1,436
Timber - Sawn (from Local Logs) (c)	'000 sup.ft.	17,975	16,735	70,763	69,390
<u>Clothing</u>					
Blazers - Men's and Boys'	number	586	863	2,904	4,142
Pyjamas, Woven - Men's and Boys'	dozen	430	1,102	1,872	3,822
Shirts (all types) - Men's and Boys'	"	5,468	4,957	17,727	21,258
Suits - Men's - 3 piece	number	14	20	181	96
- 2 piece	"	1,621	1,822	6,096	7,006
Trousers - Men's - Sport	"	11,529	8,236	36,983	28,263
- Work	"	12,080	15,298	50,181	59,225
<u>Footwear</u>					
Boots, Shoes and Sandals (all types)	pair	66,087	67,476	240,464	235,344
Slippers	"	11,757	10,615	38,816	43,929
<u>Food and Drink</u>					
Aerated Waters	'000 gallons	454	398	1,218	1,114
Cordials and Syrups	gallon	30,676	18,195	70,267	49,982
Bacon and Ham	'000 lb.	789	678	2,538	2,298
Butter	"	2,519	2,518	9,538	9,055
Cheese	"	470	377	1,574	1,311
<u>Miscellaneous</u>					
Acid - Acetic	ton	13	37	95	127
Sulphuric	"	15,530	18,062	62,800	68,513
Coal	"	88,282	73,380	340,551	339,838
Electricity Generated	'000 kwh	90,954	85,138	365,791	347,982
Gas Produced	million				
	cub. ft.	126	126	529	539
Mattresses - Soft Filled (d)	number	1,964	3,501	9,101	11,967
Pig Iron	ton	3,732	4,595	17,291	17,695
Superphosphate	"	39,386	49,005	169,605	174,037
Wool - Scoured	'000 lb.	2,783	2,558	9,805	8,138

- (a) Preliminary figures subject to revision.  
 (b) Standard size.  
 (c) Includes plywood veneers in terms of super feet.  
 (d) Includes mattresses of rubber, plastic foam and sponge, but excludes inner-spring mattresses.

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